

has been suspended;

(b) if so, since when and the the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is proposed to restart this air service;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines discontinued its service on Lucknow Patna sector from 1.11.1991 due to poor load factor.

(c) no, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Due to inadequate traffic demand, there is not plan to restore the service between Lucknow and Patna.

[English]

Conducting of seminars

1975. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seminars conducted with full or partial assistance of the government during 1991 and the expenditure incurred on each of them;

(b) the details of the subjects discussed and recommendations made in each of these seminars; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-

SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Committee for new Airport in Bangalore

1976. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high power committee has been constituted to identify a site to develop an airport of international standards in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the number of sittings held by the Committee during the last six months and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite location of a site for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee had three sittings in all and have identified three sites. Certain other suggestions are being considered by the Committee. The Committee is likely to submit its final report by the 31st of December, 1991.

Fleet Management Programme for Air India

1977. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have worked out any detailed fleet management programme for the Air India?

(b) if so, he details thereof;

(c) the total foreign exchange to be earned by this perspective programme; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Air India has prepared a fleet renewal perspective plan for 20 years and have come to the conclusions that it is possible to have a more younger and modern fleet without additional financial burden. It is a policy paper rather than a substantive fleet plan.

(d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Conference of SARRC countries on population growth

1978. **SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:**
 SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of experts from the South Asia Association for Regional Co-operation countries was held at New Delhi in October, 1991 to discuss the population policy; and

(b) if so, the recommendations made by them and the action proposed to be taken thereon including population control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, please. A SARRC Workshop on Population Policy was held at New Delhi from 7th to 10th October, 1991.

(b) The Workshop made many recommendations to tackle the problem of Population Control. These include the need for

- (1) evolving well defined national population policies with definite goals and objectives,
- (2) strong political commitment in support for the population control programmes,
- (3) promoting active community participation in implementation of these programmes,
- (4) increasing coverage of younger age couples with high fertility potential through vigorous promotion of spacing methods.
- (5) strengthening of programmes for maternal and child health care and,
- (6) Collaboration amongst the SARRC Countries to pool and share experiences to further improve their national programmes. Almost, all these recommendations have already been included in the new Draft Action Plan which has been evolved by the Government of India to give a new thrust and dynamism to the Family welfare Programme.